

BASKETBALL . . . victory on the court

BENGAL FIVE STATE CHAMPS

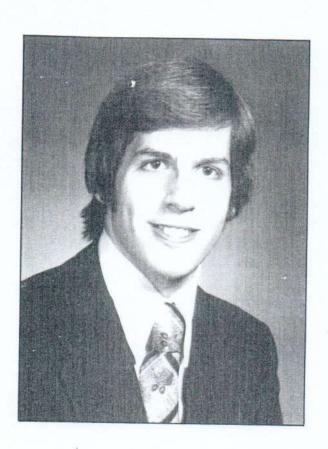


TEAM — KNEELING, left to right: Bruce Binkiewicz, Wally Kislowski, Felix Flores, Paul Lape, Bob Fetterly, Skip Salimbene. STANDING: Mr. Cella, Head Coach; Bob Byars, Joe Binkiewicz, Bob Hackel, Pat Sibilia, Rick Marshall, Todd Tripucka, Neil Davis, manager; Mr. Moore, Assistant Coach.

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59	St. Benedict's 57
64	East Orange 59
50	South Side 60
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PAUL LAPE and PAT SIBILIA Co-Captains



M. TODD TRIPUCKA Elected 1988

Still more honors for the Tripucka family as Todd joins his father Frank (1978) and brothers Tracy (1982) and Kelly (1983) as a member of the Bloomfield Athletic Hall of Fame.

Born September 16, 1954, Todd graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1972, from Lafayette College in 1976 and received his M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1984.

As a Bengal, he was a very prominent member of the 1971 B.H.S. Group IV State Championship basketball team and was captain of the 1971 football team and 1972 track team. A multitalented and gifted athlete he had few peers.

At Lafayette, he was captain of the 1975-1976 basketball team, the 1976 East Coast Conference M.V.D., 1976 First Team Basketball Weekly All-East, 1976 A.D. All-America Honorable Mention, 1976 Citizen's Athletic Foundation All-America, 1976 nations' fifth leading scorer and Lafayette's third all-time scorer and college season record holder, most points scored and season average, 26.5 ppg.

A resident of Mountain Lakes, N.J., Todd is Vice President, Director of Government Services, for the Howard Relocation Group of Livingston, On August 20, 1977 Todd married the former Michelle Kriley.



PAUL LAPE Elected 1986

Paul Lape is unquestionably one of the most remarkable, talented and competitive basketball players in the history of Bengal basketball. An extremely talented athlete, he also was recognized as a great soccer player.

He was the second player in B.H.S. basketball history to score 1000 points in a career. In the 1971-72 season he was selected All Big Ten, All-State, All-County, All-Area and All Metropolitan and has the distinction of being the first Bengal to be chosen an All-America basketball player by Coach and Athlete Magazine.

His brilliant floor leadership, clutch performances and unequaled competitive spirit led George Cella's Bengals to the 1972 Group IV State Championship. As a soccer player his tough and fiery nature again surfaced and he was selected to the 1971 First Team All-County and First Team All-State Group IV Soccer Team.

Paul matriculated at Seton Hall University and in 1973 was recognized for his remarkable efforts when he was named to the All-Metropolitan team. He set a single game assist record of 17 in the famed Madison Square Garden.

Paul is married to the former Beverly De Vito and they reside in Bloomfield.

Lape sets Garden assist mark

Seton Hall 95-76 victor

By JOHN ROWE Staff Writer

NEW YORK — Paul Lape's idea of a good game is no field goals, one shot and three points.

The Seton Hall freshman guard had the above statistics in a 95-76 victory over St. Peter's last night. But he also set a Madison Square Garden all-time collegiate assist record with 17 assists and was named the game's most valuable player.

Lape was the bright spot in an otherwise boring night. Hapless St. Peter's played as if it was glad its season was ending, and with eight minutes left in the game the scoreboard reverted to 0-0. Fortunately, the mistake was corrected and the game didn't start over.

"I had no idea I had a chance at the Garden record," said Lape. "I thought it was the school record. Then I heard the coaches telling everyone else to get the ball to me."

Coach Bill Raftery didn't

know about the record until he was about to take Lape out with a minute and a half left.

When Don Stukenbroeker went to the scorer's table to report, one of the scorers went over to Raftery and told him that Lape needed one more assist for the record. So, when the buzzer sounded Stukenbroeker stayed right where he was.

"This was Paul's finest hour for us," said Raftery. "I think he is one of the best ballhandlers around. Of late, he has asserted himself and that's why we are playing better.

"As soon as he gets the ball he knows where all nine players on the court are," added Raftery. "When we were recruiting Paul, we hoped for games like this."

Once Raftery knew about the record possibility, he tried everything possible to help Lape. "They took one assist away from him because Frank Foye bounced the ball before he shot, so I told them not to bounce the ball."

Lape's ballhandling wizzardry was best displayed on fast breaks. On a three on one break in the second half, he threw an over-the-head pass to the man on the right while looking to the left. "That's the best pass I've seen all year," said official Jim Hernjak.

Seton Hall spent most of the second half cheering on Lape after building up a 36-23 half-time lead. Center Chris Rzonca had 12 of his 14 points in the first 20 minutes and St. Peter's helped out with 23 per cent shooting.

"I was worried that St. Peter's might come back when we had the 20-point lead," said Raftery. "I'm not putting you on." He didn't sound convincing.

St. Peter's gained something of a morale victory. Seton Hall, despite 59 points in the second half, didn't become the 10th team this season to top the 100-point mark against the Peacocks' porous zone.

 Mabye the wisest St. Peter's player was Harry Anderson. He missed his last college game because of "stomach disorders." Coach Bernie Ockene probably had that ailment three months ago.

COLLEGE NOTES—Manhattan, still thinking of gaining an NIT bid, downed West Virginia, 77-63. Mike Moore paced the Jaspers with 23 points.

Lape's 17 assists topped the 16 which Jim O'Brien of Boston College had against Manhattan in the 1969 Holiday Festival. John McFadden of Rutgers had the regular season mark of 14.

The crowd was announced as 3,458, which seemed inflated.

In an afternoon game at the Garden Sigma Omega Beta Fraternity of Fairleigh Dickinson's Teaneck campus was beaten by defending champion LIU in the finals of the Schaeffer Intramural Tournament.



PAUL LAPE Sets Garden record

Scouting Report on The 1970-71 Seniors and Other Players

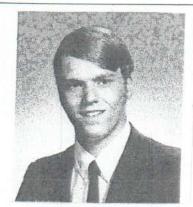


Bob Byars...Talented Athlete, he provided excellent quickness from the guard and forward positions.....

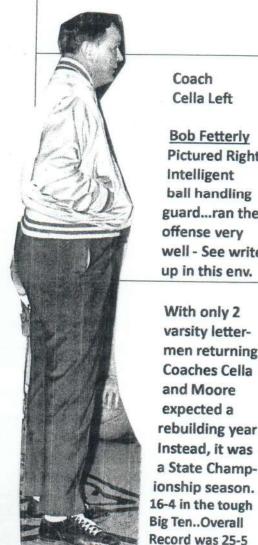
See Bob's complete write-up in this red envelope



Bob Hackel...Outstanding Starting Forward and Team Player, provided excellent rebounding and scoring around the basket, Bob had many big games throughout the year including the County and State Tournaments. The team missed Bob's presence very much the following year.



Rick Marshall...Strong Rebounding Forward, Rick provided excellent inside play, Played very well in games throughout the season....In addition, he had the muscle to go against Pat Sibilia in practice. Most players on opposing teams couldn't match up with Pat. Rick could, making Pat a better player.



Coach Cella Left

Bob Fetterly Pictured Right Intelligent ball handling guard...ran the offense very well - See write up in this env.

With only 2

varsity letter-

men returning

Coaches Cella and Moore

rebuilding year

Instead, it was

a State Champ-

expected a

Skip Salimbene Excellent shooting guard, was the perfect backcourt compliment to Paul Lape

Bruce Binkiewicz.....Junior guard displayed impressive quickness and ball handling skills

Wally Kislowski...one of two sophomores on varsity along with Felix... outstanding outside shooting for 3 years, played very well as senior in state tourney.



Joe Binkiewicz......Impressive forward, strong rebounder, Joe had good moves around the basket and a nice corner shot.

Team Managers

We can still see them raising the names of the home and opposing players up to the scoreboard

Neil Davis Talented creative artist provided covers for team programs

Bob Ley...displayed high quality journalism skills for the team

Gerald Battista became a favorite of Coach Cella because of his intelligent basketball knowledge

<u>Bob Fetterly</u> was born and raised in Bloomfield and graduated BHS in 1971. His mother, Virginia Flannery Fetterly was Class of 1949 and his children Amanda '97 and Joseph '00 are graduates of BHS. Playing on the BHS State Championship basketball team brings great memories to him.

A member of the Bloomfield Town Council from 1983 to 1993, Bob has always been active in the community. A CYO basketball coach at Sacred Heart, founding Sunset Classic committee member, Lions Club, Fifth Quarter Club President and a founding member of the Bloomfield Educational Foundation are just a few of his contributions to the community.

In 1980 Fetterly founded Reliance Graphics, which has become one of the leading Election Ballot printers serving several states in our area. A graduate of William Paterson College '75 he swam on the school swim team and currently serves on the WPU Foundation Golf Committee. Bob also serves on the Board of Directors of Team Walker, which is a nonprofit after school program serving the youth of Jersey City.

Fetterly is married to Wendy Arnott and they have five children and eight grandchildren and they, along with Seton Hall basketball, golf and the beach, occupy their time.

"The Bloomfield Educational Foundation has kept me in touch with BHS. The scholarships and programs supported by the Foundation are making a difference for the students in all the schools. It is a privilege to serve with others on the Board who care about the same goals for the township" Fetterly said.

Some Board Members:



Joe Kliminski



Howard Friedman



Bob Fetterly



Terry Mullane



Bob Storm



Mike Sceurman



Robert Byars

Football-Basketball-Track Class of 1971

The remarkable Bobby Byars enters his third Hall of Fame with his induction into the Bloomfield Hall of Fame. Byars starred as a defensive back for the Bengals in 1970 and was an outstanding guard on the George Cella-coached Bengals basketball team in 1971 that won the Group 4 state championship. He also ran track for his high school.

It was coach Cella who said to Byars, "You should get into coaching." Cella's talent evaluation was always on point as Byars would go on to star in football at Cheney State (Pa.) before he was drafted by the Houston Oilers in 1976. As Cella could foresee, Byars would become a remarkable college basketball coach. He coached Delaware Community College in Media, Pa. 1984-'86 before moving on to Lincoln University (Pa.) and coaching there from 1986-2004. At Lincoln, Byars' teams made six ECAC Tournament appearances, winning three championships and four final round berths.

Patrick Sibilia - Basketball Class of 1972 Inducted 2017

Pat was a member of the NJSIAA Group IV State Championship basketball team. He was a co-captain of the team in his senior year. He was one of the first 1000 point scorers in Bloomfield Basketball History and he had the honor of playing for the great George Cella. He comments that "what can be written about Coach Cella, that hasn't already been written or said. He was a great man and I have so much to be thankful for, in knowing him."

Playing a sport for BHS meant he got to meet a lot of wonderful people. He joins teammates Paul Lape and Todd Tripucka in the HOF. Pat was selected to All Essex and All State 3rd teams in 1971-72. His most memorable moment at BHS was the State Championship. After graduation he earned a basketball scholarship to the University of Connecticut.

Pat graduated from U Conn. with a BS in Business Administration and attended Columbia Graduate School. He believes that his career was "influenced greatly through sports. When you work hard at one, you'll work hard on the other." His professional career has taken him from cell phone Regional Director for Verizon to the health care industry in health insurance and health care sales for the Prudential. He has retired from his last position as Florida Sales manager for the Neptune Society and he currently resides in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Bob Ley retires after 40 years as ESPN anchor June 26, 2019, 09:35 AM ET

Bob Ley, after a 40-year career at ESPN, announced his retirement from the network Wednesday.

Ley, who had taken a leave of absence in October, said in a statement that he will be retiring at the end of this month. He was ESPN's longest-tenured anchor.

"To be clear, this is entirely my decision," Ley said. "I enjoy the best of health, and the many blessings of friends and family, and it is in that context that I'm making this change."

Ley, 64, thanked ESPN president Jimmy Pitaro and the network's senior leadership team "for their understanding and patience over the past months."

"Through the decades, and my innumerable experiences at ESPN, I have built many deep and fulfilling friendships. You know who you are. I hope you also know how much you mean to me. We have shared an American story unlike any other. And we will continue to do so in the years ahead," Ley said.

"I have been gifted by our viewers and consumers with a precious commodity — your trust. To be invited into your homes was a privilege I never took for granted, one I worked each day to uphold. Thank you for that.

"In September, I signed off my last show saying, 'I'll catch you on the flip side.' Now it's time to take that vinyl off the turntable (ask your folks), flip it over, and drop the needle on the B-side. There are always great cuts, and hidden gems on the B-side.

"Thank you for a great run."

Ley joined ESPN as a SportsCenter anchor on Sept. 9, 1979 — the third day of the network's operation. In 1980, he hosted the first NCAA selection show and live broadcast of the NFL draft and continued in that role for the next nine years.

He was the host of Outside The Lines, ESPN's investigative news program, since the show launched in May 1990 and also hosted ESPN's weekly E:60 show on Sunday mornings, leading the coverage of several important stories. As host of OTL, Ley was a leader in reporting on concussions and chronic traumatic encephalopathy and the NFL's handling of domestic violence cases.

"Bob has been our North Star and always kept us going in the right direction," longtime ESPN broadcaster Chris Berman said. "He kept us honest. When you watched him you knew what you were getting and you were getting it straight. "I know he is very at ease and at peace with his decision. He's earned it." Ley joined Jeremy Schaap on Wednesday's episode of Outside the Lines.

Norby Williamson, executive vice president of event and studio production, said in a statement that Schaap and Ryan Smith "will handle the bulk of anchoring duties" for OTL going forward.

Ley won 11 Sports Emmy Awards during his time at ESPN, including an Emmy for outstanding studio host in 2018. Ley and OTL won the DuPont Award in 2014 for reporting on issues in football at the youth level. Ley and OTL also won four Edward R. Murrow Awards.

"The standard of excellence that has become a hallmark of ESPN began in the early days when we were a startup with a bold vision," Pitaro said in a statement. "Bob was there for all of it and, over the years, his unwavering commitment and unparalleled work ethic drove our journalistic ambitions. The best way we can thank Bob for what he's meant to ESPN and to sports fans is to continue to uphold the journalistic integrity and principles he's instilled in ESPN for nearly 40 years."

Ley was inducted into the National Sports Media Association Hall of Fame earlier this week. He told The Associated Press he plans to work with Seton Hall University, his alma mater, in retirement as well as continue to mentor young journalists.

Getting to Know Felix Flores B.H.S. Class of 1973

Most school years start with enthusiasm and expectation. A difference at Bloomfield High School in September 1970 was that the Physical Education teachers also had extra excitement. Did the coaches hit the brand-new New Jersey lottery? Not exactly, but in a sense the upbeat feeling was the same. Felix Flores, a transfer student, moved to Bloomfield from Newark and he was an athlete. As a matter of fact, Felix was a top athlete and the coaches were very aware of his enrollment.

Felix grew up in Newark. He played football, basketball, and baseball. On the football field, his Pop Warner team, the Newark Bears was undefeated and unscored upon. As a twelve-year old, Felix won the Pass, Punt, and Kick Contest for the City of Newark. As a Little League baseball player, Felix pitched five no-hitters. He also hit the most home runs and he hit the longest home run at Newark Schools Stadium. As a twelve-year old, Felix won the Most Valuable Player trophy of the St. Francis Little League. He achieved this award over his friend Rick Cerone who years later was the catcher for the New York Yankees. Felix attended St. Benedicts High School for one year before coming to Bloomfield.

At B.H.S. Felix made the varsity football team in his sophomore year. Felix displayed his defensive and offensive skills playing for Coach Sam Cavallaro. Football continued to be his strong sport and Felix was the captain of the team in his Junior and Senior years. From the middle linebacker position on defense and the fullback position on offense, Felix excelled on both sides of the ball. In 1971, his junior year, the team was the Group IV Section 2 Champs with a 7-2 record. In his senior season, Felix received the William Foley Award as the MVP for the football team. He was named second team All-Essex and honorable mention All-State. Syracuse University, Penn State, University of Minnesota and other Division I schools recruited Felix. Syracuse University believed he had NFL possibilities. He decided to stay locally and played for Clary Anderson at Montclair State. A knee injury in his sophomore year stopped him from playing football.

On the basketball court, Felix also made the varsity as a sophomore. He was the sixth man on an exciting team playing for Coaches George Cella and Joe Moore. The team continued to build momentum in January and February leading into the tournaments. Felix played a key role as the Bengals advanced in the Essex County Tournament before losing to South Side in the finals at Seton Hall's Walsh Auditorium.

B.H.S. varsity basketball continued their magical season in the Group IV State Tournament behind the solid play of junior captains Paul Lape and Pat Sibilia along with talented junior Todd Tripucka. Skip Salimbene and senior forward Bob Hackel provided outside shooting and strong rebounding respectively. In addition to Felix, Bob Fetterly, Rick Marshall, Bob Byars, Joe Binkiewicz, Bruce Binkiewicz, Wally Kislowski, Neil Davis, Bob Ley, and Gerald Battista made significant contributions. Victories over Livingston, Jefferson (Elizabeth), Linden, Weequahic, and Passaic led to the state championship game at Princeton's Jadwin Gym. After trailing at halftime, Bloomfield played a strong second half to defeat Ewing 75-66. The team finished the season with a record of 25-5.

"Felix was certainly a spark plug on our 1971 championship team. He had the ability to create action and positive momentum," stated teammate Bob Fetterly.

Felix's impressive play was evident as he was often asked to guard the opposition's top player. This included Mike Dabney of East Orange who later played for the Los Angeles Lakers, Lou Grimsley of South Side, and Ewing's Hollis Copeland who went on to play for the New York Knicks. At 6'3, 185 pounds, Felix had the size to match up well. The Star-Ledger called Felix the "Super Soph," in articles after Bloomfield won the 1971 Group IV State Championship.

Felix played one year of baseball at B.H.S. throwing out his arm in his sophomore season. He stayed with football and basketball following that year.

Coach Bob Mooney was the Assistant Basketball Coach in 1972-73, Felix's senior year as well as an Assistant Football Coach. "Felix Flores' success in football and basketball was based on his overall strength, toughness and resilience. His athletic prowess and tenacity helped Felix develop into an excellent running back and multi-year basketball standout at Bloomfield High School," Coach Mooney reflected.

The basketball team did well in Felix's junior and senior years making the State Tournament each year. "Felix was a great teammate who was liked by everyone, stated TK Tripucka who played with Felix on the football and basketball teams in 1972-73. Felix was a very tough competitor who never let up no matter what sport. He always had your back."

TK's Dad Frank Tripucka was the quarterback at Notre Dame and was the quarterback for the Denver Broncos. His jersey number was retired by the Denver Broncos. Mr. Tripucka called Felix one of his favorite athletes to watch on the football field and basketball court. Years ago, he stated that Felix's competitive spirit and hard nose style of play was a joy to watch.

Ken Murray, a forward on the 1972-73 basketball teams, described Felix as a relentless, fearless rebounder. "He was so focused and knew how to move people out, said Murray. He also had a nice soft shooting touch."

Along with being the captain of the football team, Felix was the captain of the basketball team in his senior year. How many players in the last fifty years were captain of both football and basketball? It is a very small number that you can count on one hand.

It is easy to see why Felix was embraced by everyone when he moved to Bloomfield from Newark. Using the same leadership skills he developed in high school, Felix worked for PSE&G as an Assistant Engineer in the Construction and Quarry Department. It has been great to have Felix in attendance at many Bloomfield Educational Foundation events. Bloomfield has been very lucky to have Felix here - just like hitting the lottery.



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NICK MATARAZZO

CLASS: 1979

INDUCTION: 2003

SPORT(S): Men's Basketball

Nick Matarazzo was an outstanding basketball player for the Montclair State Indians in the mid-to-late 1970s. A co-captain in his junior and senior seasons, he was named the Most Valuable PLayer on the team in his senior year and was twice selected as Montclair State's Defensive Player of the Year. He earned All-New Jersey State Athletic Conference honors in 1978-79 and finished his career as the school's all-time leader in assists and steals. But the measure of Matarazzo's career goes way beyond statistics and honors. Matarazzo's work ethic and determination made him an example for all to follow. Following his freshman season, Matarazzo was pulled aside by head coach Ollie Gelston who let him know that he had some excellent recruits coming that it would be tough for him to make the team. His response: "I hope they practice a lot this summer because they have never had someone like me play defense on them. And by the way coach, I want No. 13 next year. I plan on being your starting point guard.' True to his prediction, Matarazzo was Gelston's points guard in 1977 averaging seven points per game while recording a team-best 89 assists and 39 steals. The following year his numbers were better and in his senior season of 1979, Matarazzo capped off his career averaging 12.3 points to go along with 102 assists and 55 steals. He scored 571 points and registered 259 assists and 121 steals.

Two Outstanding Big Men For Bloomfield



Malcolm E. Abernathy Elected 1981

An incredibly gifted athlete, Mal has long been recognized as unquestionably one of the greatest basketball players ever to play for Bloomfield High School.

Born July 1, 1940, Malcolm is a native of Bloomfield. He graduated from Bloomfield High in 1958. He also attended Tennessee A & I, 1958 - 1959.

As a Bengal, Mal was the mainstay through two years of Coach George Cella's 64 win streak without a loss. The legendary Cella regards Mal as a "classic player" and as one of the greatest high school players he has ever seen or coached.

In 1957 and 1958, the Bengals won fifty straight games including the Big Ten, County and State Championships. Mal was a unanimous All-County and All-State First Team selection both years as well as receiving National High School All-America Honorable Mention.

Malcolm's election to the Hall of Fame is most appropriate and he has forever written his name on the sands of time of Bloomfield sports history.

On July 13, 1968, he married the former Madeline Buchanon. They have two daughters, Shawn, 15, and Melanie, 8 months. Mal is employed as a firefighter for the Bloomfield Fire Department.

T.K. TRIPUCKA Elected 1992

T.K. is one of the finest student/athletes to graduate from Bloomfield High School. He earned 9 letters in 3 years. He was Captain of the basketball team for 2 years and Captain of track and football in his senior years. No other athlete in the history of B.H.S. was Captain of 3 varsity teams in a single year.

In his senior year, T.K. was one of the major forces behind the football team being ranked number one in Essex County. The team lost to Morristown for the Group IV Championship in Atlantic City. T.K. made All-County in football.

Again, in his senior year, T.K. broke the individual scoring record for Bloomfield in basketball - 1,143 points. The team lost to Linden in the semi-finals for The State Championship. For his outstanding play on the basketball court, T.K. made All-County and All-State Honors.

In Spring track of his senior year, T.K. set a new school record for the Javelin with a throw of 194 feet. He was the Group IV Section II Javelin Champ and placed fourth in the Eastern States Meet in the Javelin. Coach Paul Williams said of T.K., "He is perhaps the best all-around athlete I have ever coached."

He won the John Lobel Award in 1975. One has to be a male athlete that, participates in 3 sports and maintains a "B" average to obtain this distinguished award. No male athlete has achieved this since T.K. was given the award in 1975.

After high school, he went to Fordham where he was a starter for 4 years in basketball, playing under four different coaches. In his senior year, he was Co-Captain. He had a personal high of 27 points against U.C.L.A. He played one year of pro basketball in Mexico.

Presently, T.K. is employed as an Area Manager for Spaulding Sporting Goods.

